based Multi-National Corporate (MNC) customers and other members of the Information Technology (IT) Sector to continue to receive world-class global communications services.

(c) and (d) The Government is reviewing various conditions of the said Press Note including condition related to Remote Access.

Dearness relief for retired employees of Posts and Telegraph

1653. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the dearness relief announced by Government from time to time for retired employees (Pensioners) of the Posts and Telegraph Department are paid to them in time;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps Government would take to ensure that the retired employees (Pensioners) would get all of their allowances in time as announced by the Central Government from time to time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) The Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare issues the circulars regarding payment of dearness relief to pensioners to all Ministries and Departments. This Department always ensures that such orders are immediately endorsed to the field units for immediate payment of Dearness Relief.

(b) The OM No. 42/2/2006-P&PW(G) dated 5th April, 2006 regarding grant of Dearness Relief to Central Pensioners/Family Pensioners-revised rates effective from 1st January, 2006 was obtained and circulated to all Heads of Circles, Regional Offices and Accounts Offices on 10th April, 2006. Subsequently, the OM No. 42/2/2006-P&PW(G) dated 15th September, 2006 regarding grant of Dearness Relief to Central Government Pensioners/Family Pensioners - revised rates effective from 1 st July, 2006 was obtained from Department of Pension on 21 st September, 2006 and circulated to field units on 22nd September, 2006 for payment of Dearness

Relief to pensioners of Posts and Telegraph drawing their pension from the post offices.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.

(d) In order to further speed up the payment of Dearness Relief, the Pension Branch of the Circle Offices have been advised to act directly on the Government Orders in respect of Dearness Relief etc. supplied by Government to them through POST, FAX, E-MAIL or by accessing from the website of the pension paying authorities without waiting for receipt of orders from the nodal Ministry/Department. Reserve Bank of India has also advised the agency banks to act on the copies of Government orders in respect of Dearness Relief supplied by Government to them through POST, FAX, E-MAIL or by accessing from the website of the pension paying authorities Without waiting for receipt of orders from RBI in respect of those pensioners drawing their pension from banks.

Discrepancies in the pay scales of employees of BSNL, Madhya Pradesh

†1654. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pay of junior employees is more than the pay of senior employees due to discrepancies in the pay scales of senior and junior employees of BSNL in Madhya Pradesh in the countext of BSNL's revised scale of clerks and operators at par with JAO & JE unrevised pay scale Rs. 6500/-;

(b) if so, the number of such senior employees whose pay is comparatively less than the pay of junior employees; the details thereof; State-wise; and

(c) the details of steps taken to remove these discrepancies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir. Clerks and Operators belong to non-executive category in BSNL

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.